

H. C. Burleigh Papers

Murdoff

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June 12, 1967.  
MRS HELEN HAUFSCHEID

Mr. H. C. Burleigh-  
Bath, Ontario.

Dear Sir:—

Mrs Edwin McMillan, (Helen)  
U. S. L. Historic Society gave me your name  
and said you might be able to direct me  
to some one who might have some of  
the information I am trying to collect.

I have been working on a family tree - my  
ancestors on my mother's side of the family.  
The name o' Flynn - I have traced back  
from "Irish Refugees" by o' Hart in the reference  
library, Toronto.

Edmond o' Flynn, (my Great Great Grandfather  
Parish of Ballyduff and Kilmarden, Mallow, Ire,  
whose fathers ancestors were of lineal descendents  
of the Provincial Kings of Desmond Marred -

2.  
Anastasia o' Donohue whose ancestors descended from the Great o' Donohues alias Humphrey of Glenwick or Glenmore Castle, so called in ancient history, one of the noble lords of Ireland,  
(see First Pedigree) -

Her son John - (my Great Grandfather)

John o' Flynn - born 1790.

School teacher, small farmer, of Prince Edward County. But - married at 36 wed apv. 30 1863 - age 73 -

Married

Nancy Murdock - whose ancestors came from near ayr Scotland, before the Revolution in 1754. and settled in the Township of Fredericksburg Ontario - John & Nancy were married by the Rev John Stoughton of Bath, Ontario - of the church of England - May 26, 1826 - Nancy born 1805 died apv 16, 1887 - age 82 -

Both John & Nancy buried at Modoc - Ont.

John & Nancy had 12 children - the 8<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Humphrey o' Flynn - my Grandfather -

born June 18 1841 - married - Margaret E. Lutman

2 Children - my mother - Helen Blanche o' Flynn

John Lutman o' Flynn

both deceased - My mother died 1919 - (I was only 12 - I was too young to know of her back ground)

At one time my <sup>3.</sup> mother must have  
been in Cobbarne Ontario, as I have  
a prayer book for attendance at Sunday  
school from Trinity Church, Cobbarne  
Epiphany 1890 -

I woud be interested if I could find  
out when John O'Flynn settled in Canada  
and at what age he came here from  
Ireland - also - anything regarding  
his wife Nancy Murdock.

Woud the Church of England, Bath Ont. have  
any records on the marriage certificate??

In Macroom, Ireland the remains of a Castle  
stands, built by the O'Flynn's & is now owned  
by the people of Macroom. I have pictures  
it has been unoccupied for about 44 years.  
Wm. Penn spent his childhood in Castle.  
I have received a great deal of historical data - from  
"The History of Ireland" by Edmund Curtis - & found  
it very interesting and have a copy of both family  
crests - O'Flynn, and O'Hanohue.

He seems to write a long note to ask  
you for a little information re-garding these.

The O'Flynns of Billerica, Mass. etc.  
are all relatives most of the older ones  
dead. I wrote a John O'Flynn, Billerica  
but had no reply.

If you could suggest who I could  
find out from about the date that I  
am interested in I would greatly appreciate  
hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Helen Haupschield

(Mrs. S. W.)

I might say - I am a daughter of Helen B. O'Flynn  
married to R. J. Garrett - My father died 1920  
4 months after my mother & left 4 daughters -  
& living besides myself & married -  
I might also say that I know that J. D. O'Flynn  
(my grandfather) was Justice of the Peace 1901 - in Evanston Wyoming -  
and wonder if he left his wife - or re-married  
or how he got to Wyoming. Here a letter written to  
say mother day she was married from him - ??  
Mother brought up by E. D. O'Flynn - Malise Ontario -

To His Honor Peter Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President Administering the Government  
of Upper Canada by & c

In Council

The Petition of George Murdoff Son<sup>r</sup>  
Sergt in the late 2<sup>d</sup> Batt<sup>r</sup> H. R. Reg<sup>r</sup> New York

Humbly Sheweth

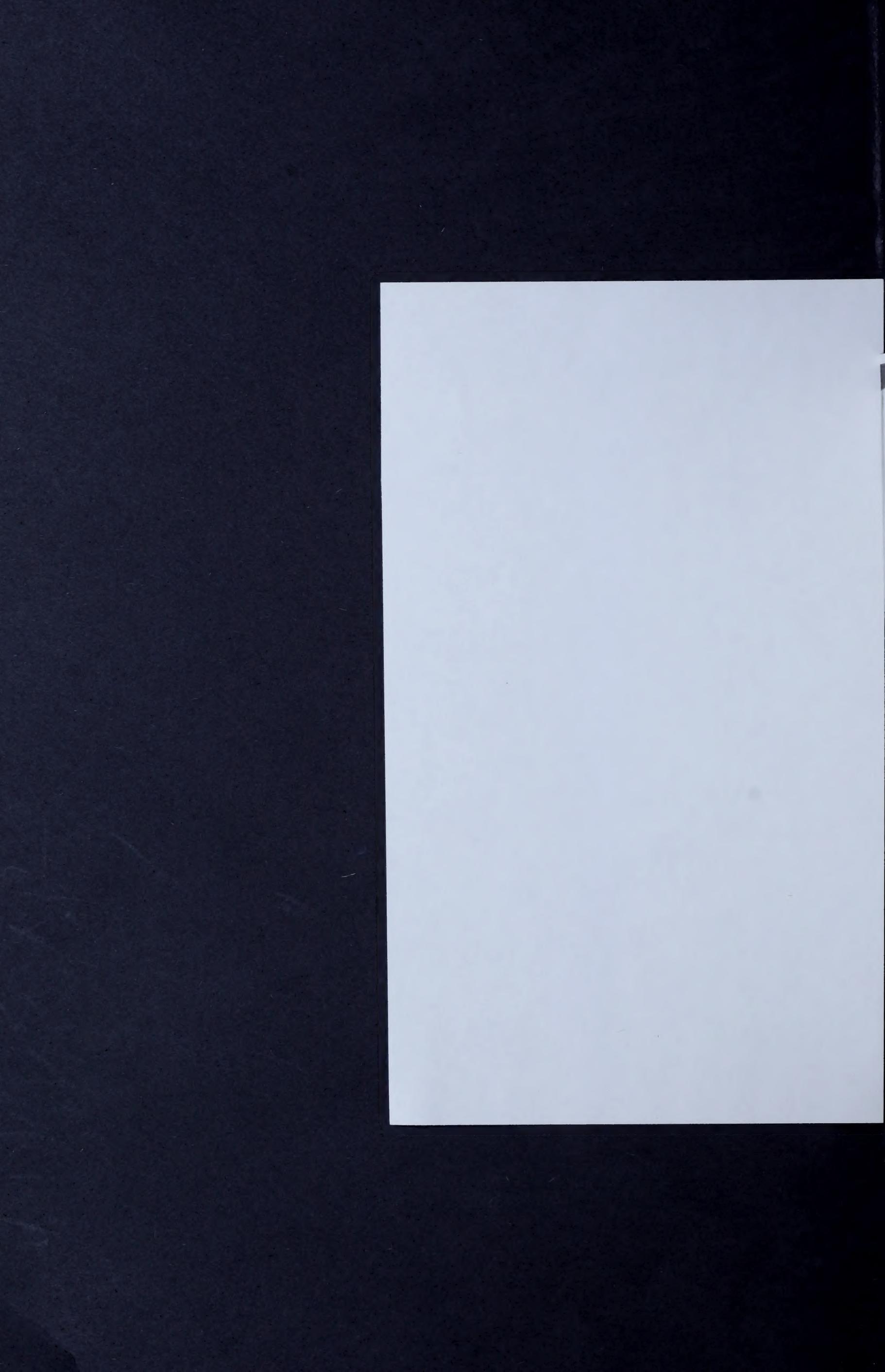
That your Petitioner has only received four  
hundred acres of land part of which he is settlin  
g on and improving, therefore humbly request  
that your Honor will be pleased to grant him  
an additional hundred acres, and your

Fredrickburg  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1797

Petitioner as in duty  
bound will ever pray

George Murdoff Son<sup>r</sup>

I do certify that the  
Petitioner George Murdoff Son<sup>r</sup>  
was a Sergt in the late H. R.  
Reg<sup>r</sup> of New York, and that he  
is now settled in the Township  
of Fredrickburg in the  
Midland District —  
Jonathan Miller C. P.

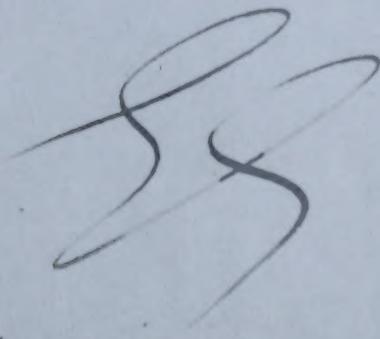


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The Petition of  
Margaret Murdoch  
Reydon 97 C.R.

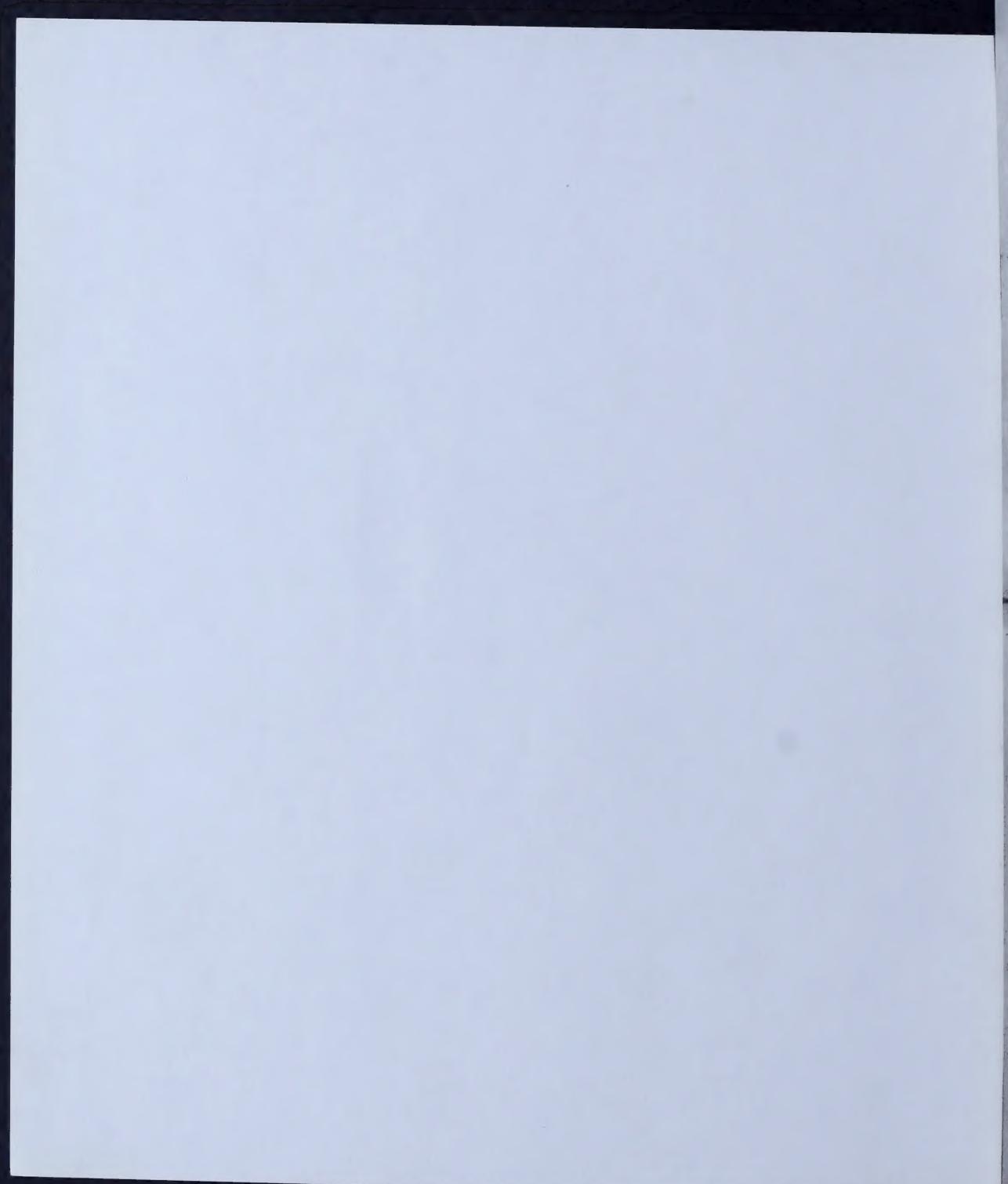
Reydon 200 acres

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Conformed  
P.R.



Warrant 17 Nov 1798



To His Honor Peter Russell Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President Administering the Government  
of Upper Canada &c &c

In Council

In Petition of Margaret Mordoff  
Assembly Slave

That your Petitioner is arrived to the age of  
one hundred and one years and is a Daughter of George  
Mordoff late a Loyalist, your Petitioner therefore  
sumbly request that your Honor will be  
pleased to grant her two hundred acres of  
land, and she as in duty bound will  
evermore —

Margaret Mordoff

Frederickburg  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1797

I do certify that the  
Petitioner's Father George  
Mordoff late a Loyalist  
and believe the Petitioner is  
arrived to the age of 21 years

Alex Clark C. S.



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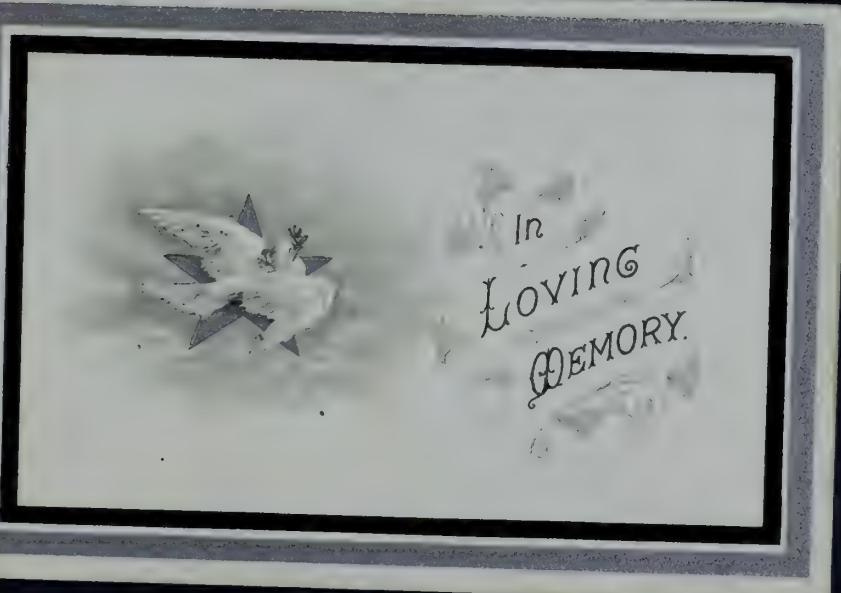
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16 Nov 1898 1810. M. 1





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MEMORY.

**Died**

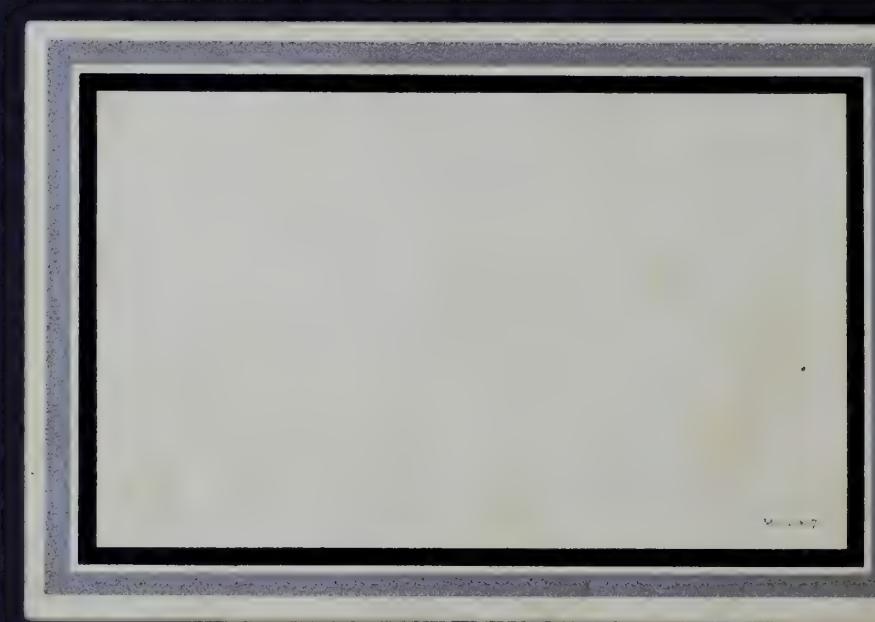
In Trenton, on Saturday, July 24th, 1909

**Mrs. Catharine Murdoff**

Aged 86 years.

## **Funeral**

Funeral on Tuesday, July 27th, at Picton, on arrival  
of morning train. Interment in family plot, Picton  
Cemetery.





Allen 8

Hubbell 1-4A-5-6

Rogers 8

Matthews 2

Smith 3

Charles 1-4-4A-6  
Cotton  
Cotton 4

Watts 4-4A-5  
Wager

Dolan 4

Foster 1-4A-6

Galonne 8

Gardill 4-4A-5

Perry 6

Young 3

1  
Mordoff

Mordoff, George = Nancy she bnr<sup>3</sup> 4.15.1795

wts 12.20.1802  
James<sup>3</sup> = Lois Charters<sup>3</sup> b. 18.1789

→ George<sup>3</sup> bp 5.16.1790 = Anna Forshée<sup>3</sup> 9.6.1810

( Archibald<sup>2</sup> bp 12.1.1793

Nancy<sup>3</sup> bp 3.4.1792

James<sup>3</sup> bp 6.31.1795

Anna<sup>3</sup> bp 2.7.1797

Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> bp 8.18.1798

Margaret<sup>3</sup> <sup>MR</sup> wts 12.27.1792, 4.30.1792 = Jacobus Forshée<sup>3</sup> br. 7.3.1798

George<sup>3</sup> wts 6.18.1793 = Lucy

→ Nancy<sup>3</sup> bp 1.18.1795.

John wts 5.12.1794, St Oswalds<sup>3</sup> br = Jane Hurlbut, St Oswalds

→ John bp<sup>3</sup> 9.2.1797 <sup>SPN</sup> 5.16.1796

George<sup>3</sup> bp 7.17.1799

John<sup>2</sup> bp 6.3.1804

Nicholas<sup>3</sup> bp 8.10.1806

Nancy<sup>3</sup> bp 11.15.1807

W<sup>3</sup> Watts<sup>3</sup> bp 10.15.1809

Jane<sup>3</sup> bp 7.7.1811

Robert Russell<sup>3</sup> bp 1.7.1813.

Thomas<sup>3</sup> bp<sup>3</sup> 7.14.1801, 10.9.1798, 5.16.1796, 8.19.1799  
12.20.1802

Nancy wts 5.16.1796, 8.19.1799

U.S. List

George, sen. 3 Sergeant R.R.N.Y. Genl. Holdimand 1784,  
100 P.L. 1786 A. McL. Stamped Book.

George, June 3 Que. R.R.N.Y., A. McL. son of George,  
left the Province.

St George



Murdoff 2

U.E. List (contd)

John	3	Son of George, or come of age, 1793,
John	3	L.B.M. 200
James Sgt	3	P.K. R.R. N.Y. L.B.M. 1790, 300. Genl. Haldeman 1784, 100. P.K. 1786 Stamped Book
Thomas	3	Son of George, Genl.

Aug. 1811		
George, Riga & Patent, 1790, 300. 1791, 1000.		
Aug. 1811 57ers		1000
George	"	" "
"	Johnston	1721

Strangers

me

L.B.O.

James } 7.7.96. If the Dep. Surv. certifies that the petitioners  
dois } cannot be accommodated in the Middle Dist.,  
he will be authorized to allot lds. in the Home Dist.

" " 7.22.97 may locate above land anywhere they wish.

Thomas 7.12.97 Praying lds as U.E. Rec. 200.

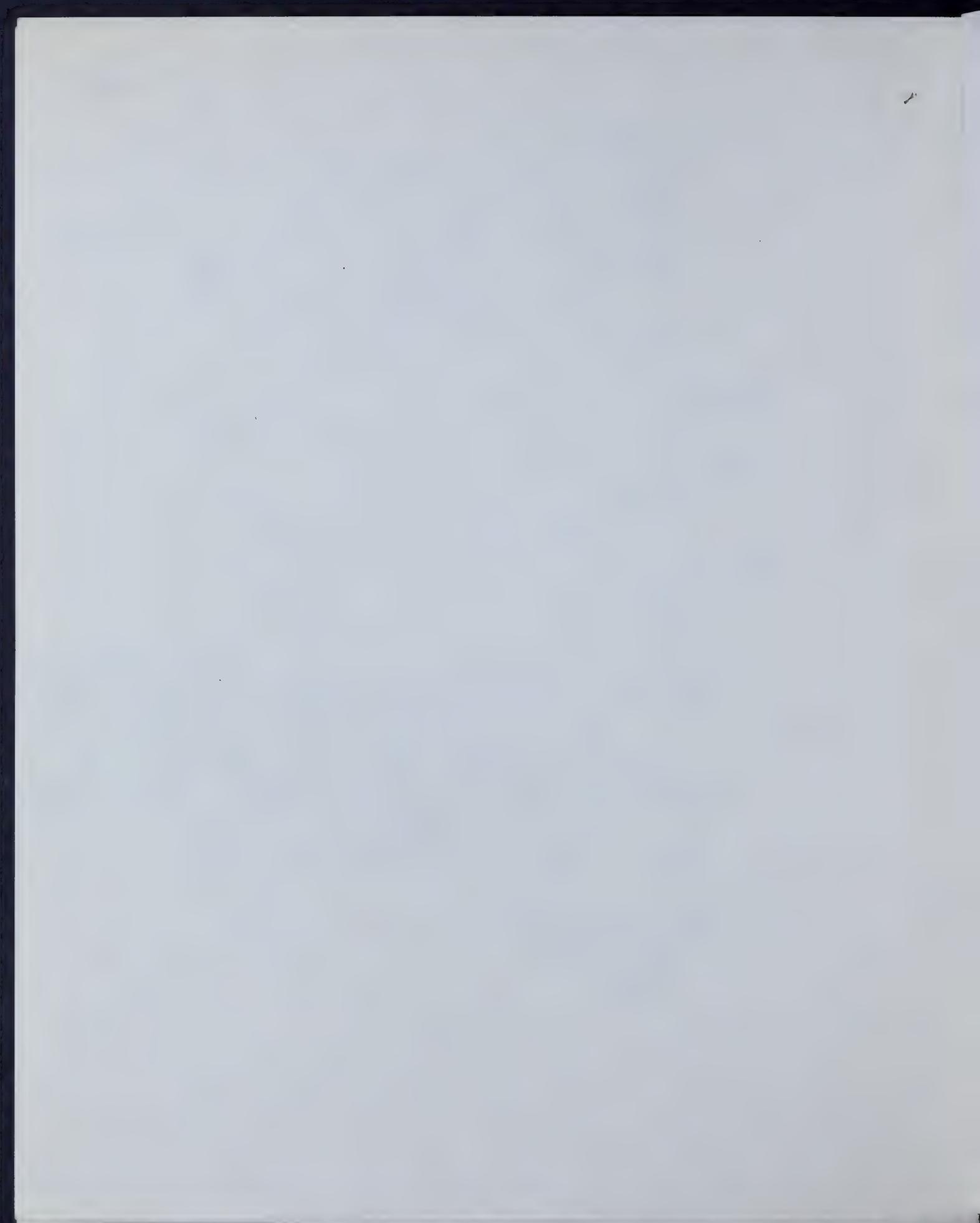
George 11.16.97 Sr. Praying to have his mil. lds. as sergeant completed  
Rec. 100 & addition

Margaret .. Praying for lds as U.E. 200 as U.E.

New York in the Revolution

Estate Confiscated

George



U. E. L. Claims

Mordoff<sup>3</sup>

870. Claim of George Mordoff, late of Lydon Co.

Montreal, Sep. 26, 1787

Claimt. says:

He was at Oswego & Cataraque in the Fall of '83 &  
during the Winter

Is a native of Scotland. Went to America in 1773.  
Settled in Lydon Co. joined Sir John Johnson in '80.  
Staid as long as he could, tho. he gave all the assistance  
to the Loyalists & always declared his sentiments. Served  
in 2nd Battall. continued till discharged.

Had 100 acres; bought a lease in the year 1773. It was  
a lease from Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Johnson to Peter Young of 100 acres,  
Lydon Co., Kingsboro Patent forever, paying £ 6 per an. He  
gave £ 25 York for it. There were only 2 acres clear & a framed  
House. He cleared 26 acres afterwards and built barn. Vale.  
ye whole at 100 York. Lost a mare, 1 Heifer, taken by the  
Rebels. Cattle, farming utensils & some furniture.

Daniel Smith, Wits:

Knew Claimt. He was always loyal. Knew his Place.  
He bought it before the troubles of Peter Young. There was not  
much clear before he bought it. He cleared a good deal.

Marginal Note: Seems a good man.

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Geo. Mordoff, Wits. for Claim of Danl. Smith, late of  
Lydon Co., who lived on the Mohawk

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Geo. Mordoff Wits for Claim of James Collier, late of  
Albany Co., who lived at Johnstown.



McDowell Register

Murdoff

Marriages

Epaphras Godsell & Nancy Murdoff, both of 3, 22-11-1800

Baptisms

Frederickburgh

James Murdoff, Lois Charter, Robert McDowell	Born	19.5.1800
John Murdoff, Jean Watts	William	.. 16.8.1800
" "	Thomas	.. 1.3.1802
James Murdoff, Lois Charters	Thomas Carr	.. 9.4.1802
" " "	Lucy	.. 21.5.1803

U. C. Land Book M.

1797

Petitions

27 May 1797, Frederickburgh

Thomas, son of George Murdoff, U.C. and has arrived at  
22 years of age



McD

Murdoff

Nancy 3 M 22 Nov 1802 Erastus Fowle

John (Hendolph) 3 M 26 May 1816 Deborah Dager

John = Jean Walls → This from 1 Mar 1802

U.S. List

Geo Senior	3	Sgt R.R.N.Y.
" junior	"	son of Geo. Left Province
John	"	son of Geo. is son of age 1793
James Sgt	"	R.R.N.Y.
Thomas	"	Son of Geo Senior

Geo

Geo John James James

Seniors

Geo Murdoch

Nicholas (v) (Murdock) d Apr 21, 1872 in 66<sup>th</sup> year (son of John & Jean Northcut)

Alex' Miller his son d. May 18/45 at 2.0.9 (n. by his ch.)

Bathory

many Dennis wife of John Murdoch 1835-1926 (son of Nicholas?)

Held Papers

Sgt Murdoch 2 <sup>nd</sup> B. R.R.N.Y.	1-12-0-2-1	1510 1510	family at Cataraqui is come up this fall
Geo "	do	1	
Sarah "	do	1	At Coblenz 2d in the Indian Dept.

Will Claims

Geo. Murdoch 3002 Vol XXI

James Murdoch died from Peter's Queen Rangers by Ed. of Republ? 57



Langhorn

Mundoff.

James 3 M 18 June 1789 Lois Charters 3 wits Geo. Mundoff - Sep May 16/90 George  
3 W 20 Dec 1802 c Thos  
Ld Bk Jul 1796 if they (Geo & Lois) cannot get their lds in Midland  
dist. they are to have them in Home Dist  
Jul 1797 - let petitioners be located where they please.  
George 3 W 18 June 1789 James = Lois Charters - Nancy Sep Jan 18/95 Lucy  
= Lucy

11 Mar 4/92 Nancy  
" Feb 7/97 Ann  
" Aug 9/98 Eliz  
born May 19/00 Robt M.D.  
" Apr 9/02 Thos Car  
" May 2/03 Lucy

Margaret 3 W 27 Dec 1792 Ld Bk Nov 1797 lds as N.E - 200 ac.  
3 W 30 Apr 1792  
3 M 3 July 1798 = Jacobus Forster wif John

Thos 3 W 9 Oct 1798 Ld Bk Jul 1797 may 10 lds as N.E - 200 ac.  
3 W 14 Jul 1801  
3 W 16 May 1796 John = Jane Hurlbut c Nancy.  
3 W 19 Aug 1799 c Nancy.  
3 W 2 Dec 1802 c

Geo 3 M 6 Sept 1810 Ann Forster wif Michael Preirey  
son of James? & Lois Charters?

John 3 W 12 May 1794  
3 M 8 Nov 1796 Jane Hurlbut 3 widow wif Thos & Nancy  
3 W 3 July 1798 Margaret = Jacobus Forster  
" Sep Sep 2/95 John  
" Mar 31/99 George  
" June 3/04 John  
" Aug 10/06 Nichols  
" Nov 15/07 Nancy  
" Oct 6/09 Wm Worts  
" Jul 7/11 Jane  
" Jan 7/13 Robt Russell

Nancy wife of Geo Mundoff & 3... Apr 15/94

Nov 1797  
Geo. Mundoff. mil lds as auct. completed - 100 = add.

Map of L. & G. d.

W. Nordock cone 1  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Adolphstein  
W. W. Nordoff .. 2  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Fredsburg

N.Y. in Revolut?

Geo. Nordoff state originated.

Kingboro Pat., N.Y. Co

Catharine = Cyrus R. Allerton, set. So Fredsburg L  
b. circ 1800-10

David = Fannie Churchill (set. Toronto)  
b. circ 1820-50

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1904

George W. Murdoch

of Seattle, Wash.

Born 62 yrs ago, son of the late W<sup>m</sup> Murdoch.  
Never married. (b. 1842) (likely W<sup>m</sup> W<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup> George<sup>1</sup>)  
left home about 10 yrs ago & spent most of his time in  
the west.

Brothers & sisters

1. Mrs. Wilkie Dorland, Adolphustown
2. Mrs. Cyrus Allison, Dorland (Catherine)
3. Mrs. W. H. Cadman, Gosport
4. Mrs. (Rev.) Osborne, New York State.
5. John, of Seattle, a wealthy contractor.
6. Philip, Watertown, N.Y.
7. Luther, Newcastle, Pa
8. Whitney, Fairport N.Y.

Mason. 1904

Died New Years day, aged 62 yrs, at the home of his  
brother, John, in Seattle

David Murdoch was minister of the  
gospel in Bath U.C. in 1834.  
His wife Elizabeth  
she married Samuel Rogers Rachel  
Breadshaw  
(See Rogers file)



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Thomas D. Murdoch

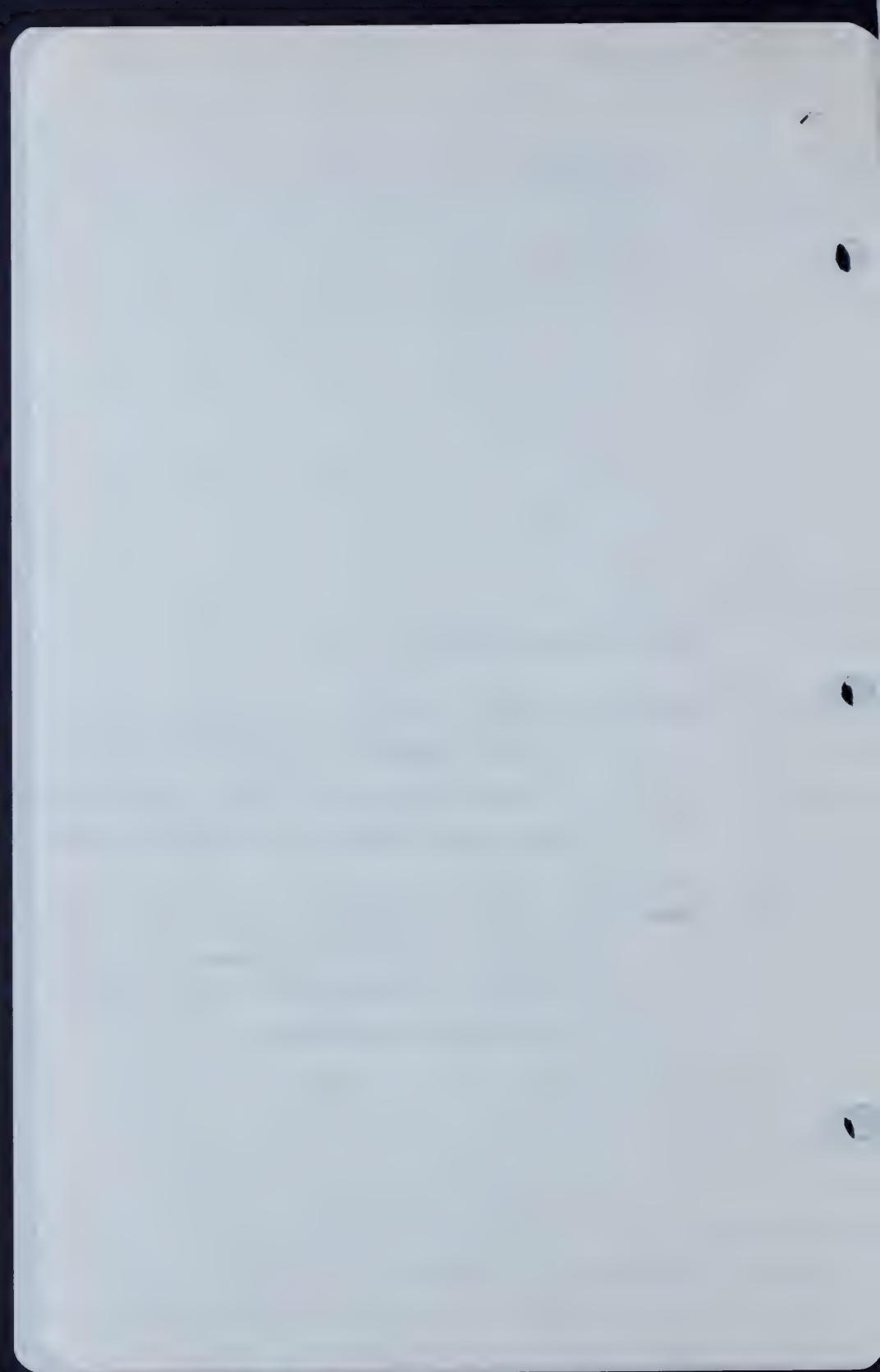
Toronto

d June 30, 1918  
Formerly of Mapane.

J. C. Clark Diary

1857 Sept 29 Mr. John B. Diamond of Ernestown  
+ Miss Martha Rice, daughter of  
Thomas Henderson, Esq., of Kingston,  
married by the Rev. Mr. Murdoch.

1862, Sep. 11, Mr. John Murdoch, of Kingston, and  
Miss Margaret, eldest daughter of  
Mr. James Barklie, married by  
the Rev. A. Wilson.



b. 1765-05-16  
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Murdoff

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Roll of Inhabitants at Cataraqui + Dec 1783

women

2d R R N Y Ann Murdoff aged 41 yr 3 mo.

children

do	John Murdoff	"	"	0	mo.
	Thomas Murdoff	"	8 "	0	"
	Margret Murdoff	"	0 "	0	"
	Agnes Murdoff	"	5 "	9	"

3157

Roll of men enlisted in 2d R R N Y. 1st Recd. 11 May 18.

George Murdock 20 May 1783 (b. abt. 1765-8)

James Murdoff do (b. abt. 1767-90)

Roll of men of 2d R R N Y enlisted since 11 May 18.

George Murdoff 20 June 1783

~~Bill of Account adjusted by Lt. P. Langley at his Private  
expenses for the two Bills. F. K. K. N. Montreal 15 Sept 1783~~

Bill of men raised for the 2d R R N Y.

George Murdock 20 May 1783

James Murdoff do

George Murdoff 20 June 1783

3158

Bill of sundry soldiers of the R R N Y having families  
in Albany & Rensselaer counties, who are ill-treated & Pray  
Permission to bring them to Canada

George Murdoff, wife & 3 children

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M.F.M. 45A  
1M Pads of 100-4-46 (9119)  
H.Q. 1772-39-1705

CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICES  
REPORT OF RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Reg. No. .... Unit. ....  
Rank. .... Corps. ....  
Name. .... Film No. ....

Report of Radiological examination of:

Station. ....

Unit. ....

Date. .... Radiologist

Heldinand Papers

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Return of Unincorporated Loyalists and Families Provisioned at  
Government Expense from 25 Dec. 1781, to 24 Jan 1782

Agnes Murdoff 0 1 3 0 1 2 Royal Yorkers At Janvire

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Roll of Men Enlisted in the 2nd Batt. K.R.R.N.Y. Ph.Clar 17 May 1781

George Murdock 22 May 1780  
James Murdoff 22 May 1780

Roll of Men of 2nd KRR NY Enlisted since 25 Oct 1781

George Murdoff 25 June 1782

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Roll of Loyalists at and in the Dependencies of Catarqui,  
and the Provisions they drew, Catarqui, 4 Dec 1783.

2nd King

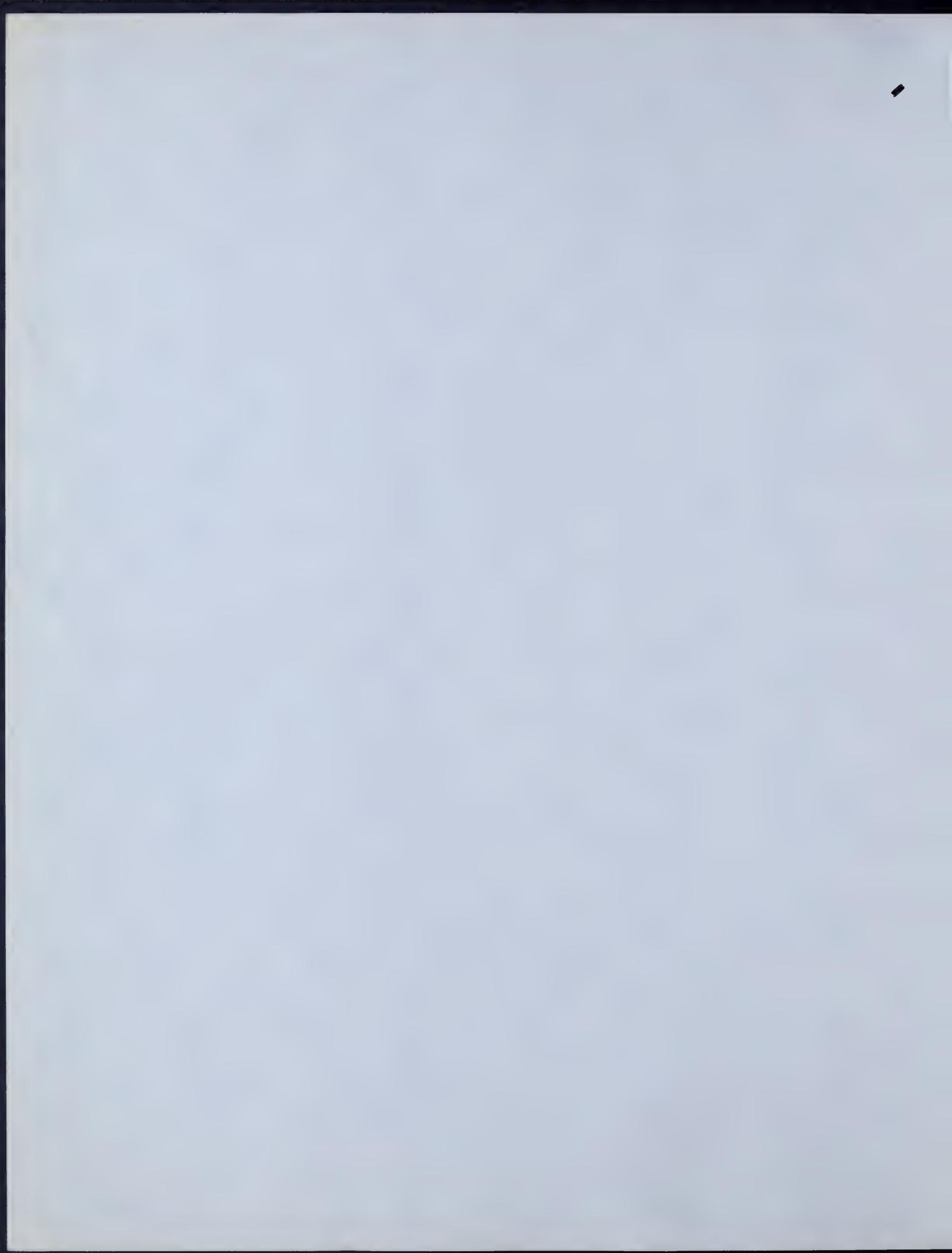
Roy. Regt N.Y. Ann Murdoff	41 yr 0 mo.
John "	11 " 6 "
Thos. "	8 " 0 "
Margaret "	6 " 6 "
Agnes "	5 " 9 "

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Return of Disbanded Soldiers & Loyalists Settled in Township  
No. 3 (Catarqui) Mustered 6 Oct 1784.

2 KRR Sgt. Murdoff 1 1 2 0 2 1 0 Family at Catarqui, to  
come up this Fall.

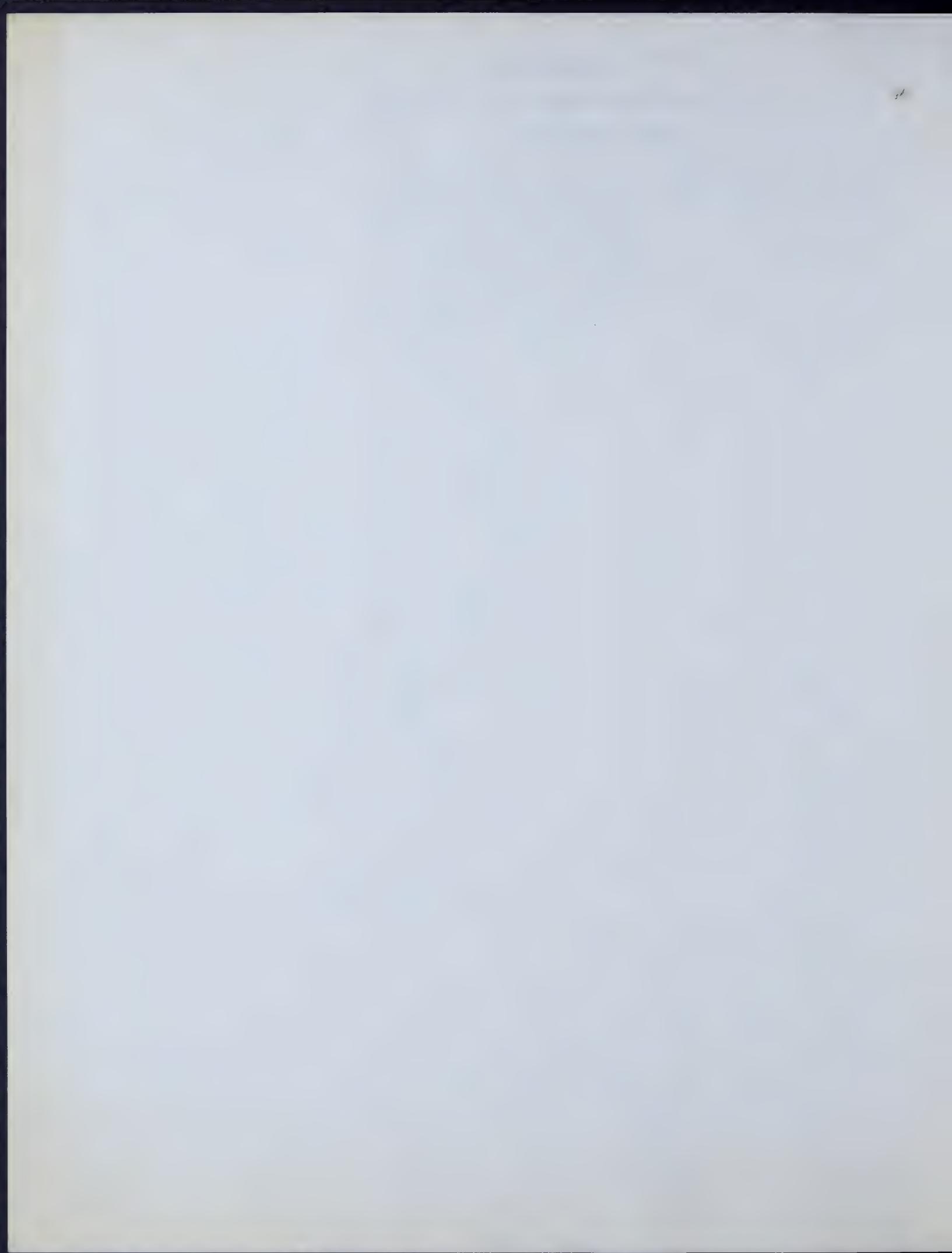
George Murdoff	1 0 0 0 0 0 0	In his hand
Sam Murdoff (James)	1 0 0 0 0 0 0	—



U. S. Loyalists  
Midland District, U. C.

Oct 11 1796, at req.

Fredericksburgh George Mundoff, Sr.  
George Mundoff, Jr.  
James Mundoff  
John Mundoff  
Thomas Mundoff.





# CONNECTICUT GENERAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Established  
1865

HARTFORD 15, CONNECTICUT

ARCHIBALD C. WILSON, M. D.  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, REINSURANCE

Sunday Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr Burleigh:

Thank you very much for your kind remarks about my genealogical efforts. I particularly appreciate the additional information which you sent me. It now appears that the information re the Mordoff family includes some unwarranted assumptions and conclusions.

Your prognostication that the additional information would keep me busy several evenings was quite correct. In addition, the library has been invaded several times. I was interested to learn that during the raid of May 1780, Sir John Johnson "arrived at the Johnstown settlements, entirely undiscovered, during the night of May 21<sup>st</sup>." Your information indicates that George Mordoff and his son enlisted on the following day!

Do you happen to know the place and date of the "Petition of Sundry Soldiers etc" ? vol B-58 Haldimand Papers.  
Since George Mordoff Jr enlisted 25 June 1782 and could hardly have done so anywhere else but in Canada, one would assume that he did so after the family was brought to Canada.

When I visited you, you mentioned an early census which indicated that George Mordoff had 2 girls over 10, two boys over 10, and a girl under 10, living with him.

I had jumped to the conclusion that this was Sir John Johnson's census of 1754. It now appears to have been in 1788 or later. Do you know the date?

I notice that the ages given in the Provision List of 4 Dec 1783 which you sent me, are in even years, or with either 6 or 9 months tacked on. Could this be a coincidence and quite factual, or do other names suggest that the ages were given as of the nearest attained quarter-year?

I can understand why George Jr does not appear as a dependent - he was already enlisted. Another child is necessary to make up the six. There was a Nancy. Perhaps she was too young to qualify for a ration in Dec 1783.

Dislike badgering you this way, but if you happen to have this information at hand, or know where it might be available, I would appreciate it very much.

Again many thanks,  
sincerely  
A. C. T. Ion

Bath, Ont., 25 March, 1957.

Dear Doctor Wilson:

This is in reply to your kind, querying letter of 17th Inst., and I note, with justification, that my recent letter was worth while.

I have this to add relative to Sir John's raid of May, 1780. It is taken from Brig.-Gen. Cruikshank's The King's Royal Regiment of New York, Ont. Historical Society's 'Papers & Records,' vol. XXVII, 1931.

"We arrived at the settlement, within five miles of Johnson Hall, on the 21st of last month, in the evening. . . . One Hundred and forty three Loyalists and a number of women and children, with about thirty Blacks, male and female, came off with us."

The first mention of Burdoffs in the Haldimand Papers, as I noted before, was the enlistment of George and James Burdoff, father and son, on 22 May, which was the day that Sir John actually entered Johnstown during the raid. The next reference is a subsistence list from 25 Dec., 1781, to 24 Jan., 1782. This must mean that Agness Burdoff, her 3 sons over 6, 1 dau. over six and 2 dau. under six, must have arrived in Canada from New York between those two dates, likely accompanying one of the several parties returning from raids into the Mohawk Valley during the summer and fall of 1781.

I do not know the date of the 'Petition of Sundry Soldiers, etc.' This was undated, and is found in the Haldimand Papers, vol. B-158. It must have been between May, 1780 and Dec., 1781, likely early in 1781. Sorry that I cannot help you further. Perhaps the Public Archives, Ottawa, might help. It certainly was before George, Jr., enlisted in June, 1782.

The 'Return of Disbanded Soldiers & Loyalists Settled in Township No. 3 (Cataraqui) Mustered 6 Oct., 1784' is the one in which Supt. Burdoff is shown as having with him a wife, 2 sons over 10, 2 daus. over 10 and 1 dau. under 10. It is also noted that his family was then at Cataraqui. Please recall also the 'Roll of Loyalists at and in the Dependencies of Cataraqui, 4 Dec., 1783. This shows, Supt. Burdoff, 41 years 0 months.

John	11	"	6	"
Thos.	8	"	0	"
Margaret	6	"	6	"
Agnes	5	"	9	"

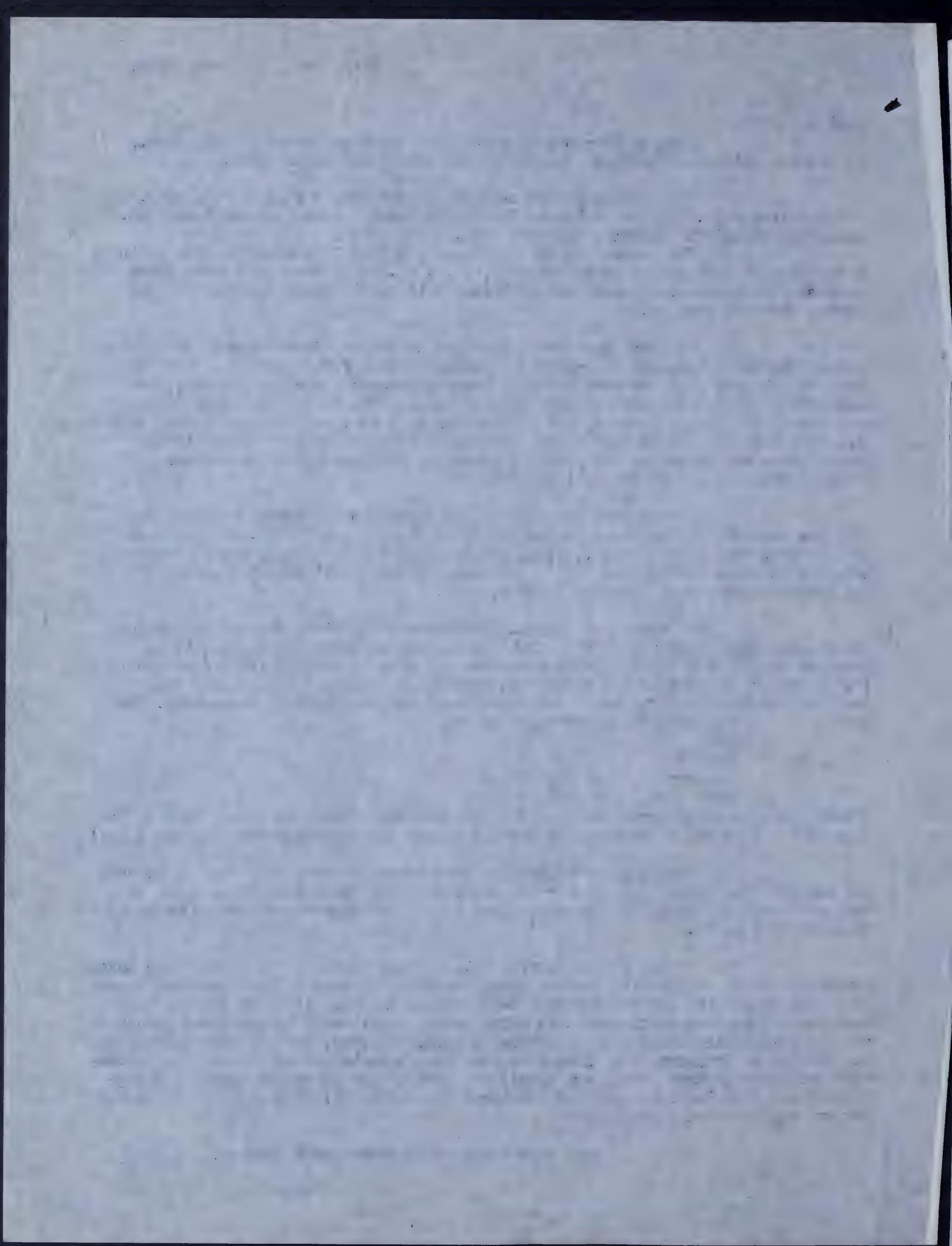
I have looked over the complete list and the ages are exactly as given. Some in the list show 9 years, 11 months; 32 years 1 month; 28 years 5 months; 9 years 7 mo.

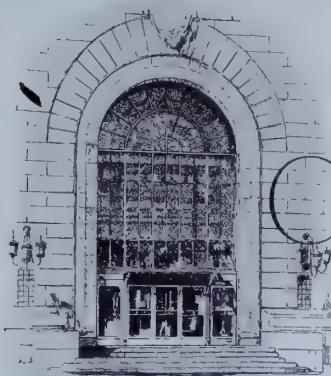
According to the instructions issued to Gen. Haldimand by London, all persons (Loyalists) over 10 were to receive a full ration; children under 10 had a half-ration. Thus Geo. Burdoff, wife, 4 children over 10, one child under 10 received 6½ rations.

It is evident that George, Sr., & Nanny (Ann, Nancy, Agnes) had these children: James, George Jr., Thomas, John, Margaret & Agnes, as the Haldimand Papers show. The other girl may already have been married in Dec., 1781, or she may have been too old to draw subsistence. In other words, a girl over 16 was often struck off the ration list because she was able to work. Likewise, she may have died before the arrival of Langhorn, the Missionary, and have been buried privately. The Provincial Archives, Toronto, Ont., can supply you with a list of the children of George Burdoff who drew lands as sons and daughters of a Loyalist. This might clear up the mystery of the missing daughter.

I hope that these notes answer your queries.

Sincerely,





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ARCHIBALD C. WILSON, M. D.  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR, REINSURANCE

Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

I am again much indebted to you for your kindness in forwarding such a lot of highly interesting information, in response to my questions. I hope it didn't occasion too much inconvenience, beyond what is obvious.

On analyzing all of the data available to me, I have concluded that the Mordiffs line up about as follows.

George Sr. = Nancy  
b. about Nov 1742

James	George Jr.	Nancy	John	Thos	Margaret	Agnes
b. 1764 a. slightly earlier	1766	1768-70	about May of 1772	about Nov 1775	May 1777 4	Feb 1778
①		②		③		

① Arbitrarily placed here in the otherwise long childless gap between 1766 & 1772.  
He was unmarried when he witnessed bro. John's marriage (Langton) in 1796.

We also require a daughter "over six" in Dec 1781  
and two daughters "over ten" in Oct 1784

② This checks with loyalist list which says "is come of age 1793"  
③ Burial record of April 1845 says died aged 70. (perhaps <sup>actually</sup> "in 70th yr")  
Perhaps promoted a year for ration purposes in 1784.

3.

I don't know whether I mentioned it to you but my father owns an island in Hay Bay which appears on early maps as Hare Island.

For some years we have been picking up pieces of Indian pottery which the Royal Ont. museum says is from 800 to 2000 years old.

Mother tells me that they have discovered what gives every appearance of being a sizeable burial mound in the wooded part of the island. We have always referred to this pottery as belonging to "Lo" (Lo, the poor Indian, whose untutored mind etc) So this summer we expect to see whether we can find any remains of Lo, in this pile of gravel. If I'm not careful I'll have his last name forever!

Many thanks for all of your helpful information and comments

Yours truly

Adison

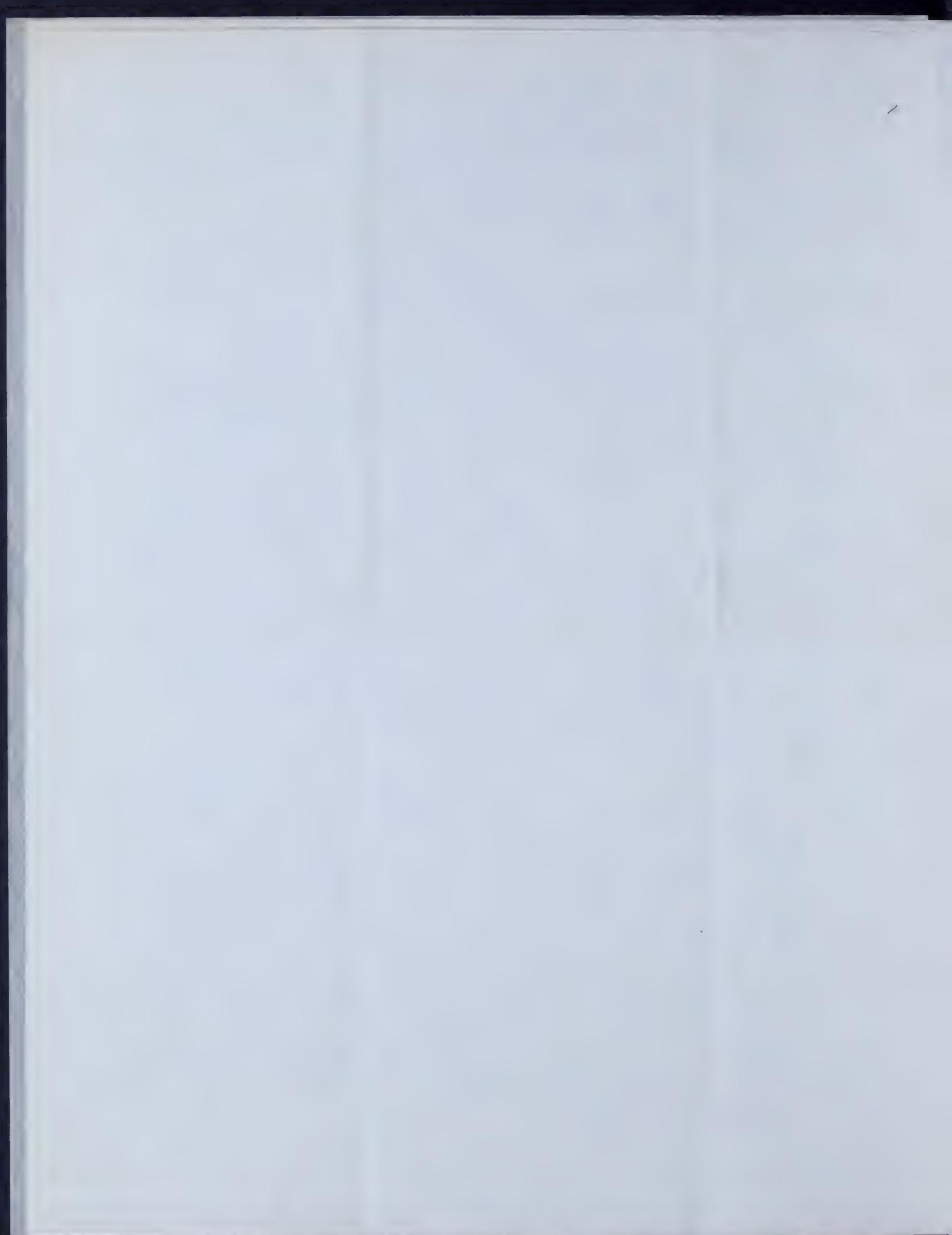
(4) This agrees with gravestone which says she was  
58 in March 1836.  
agrees with ~~substantiated~~ test of Roll of Loyalists 4 Dec 1783  
seems there aged 2 1/2 yrs between them and 1784!!  
- for return purposes?

— " —

from Florida

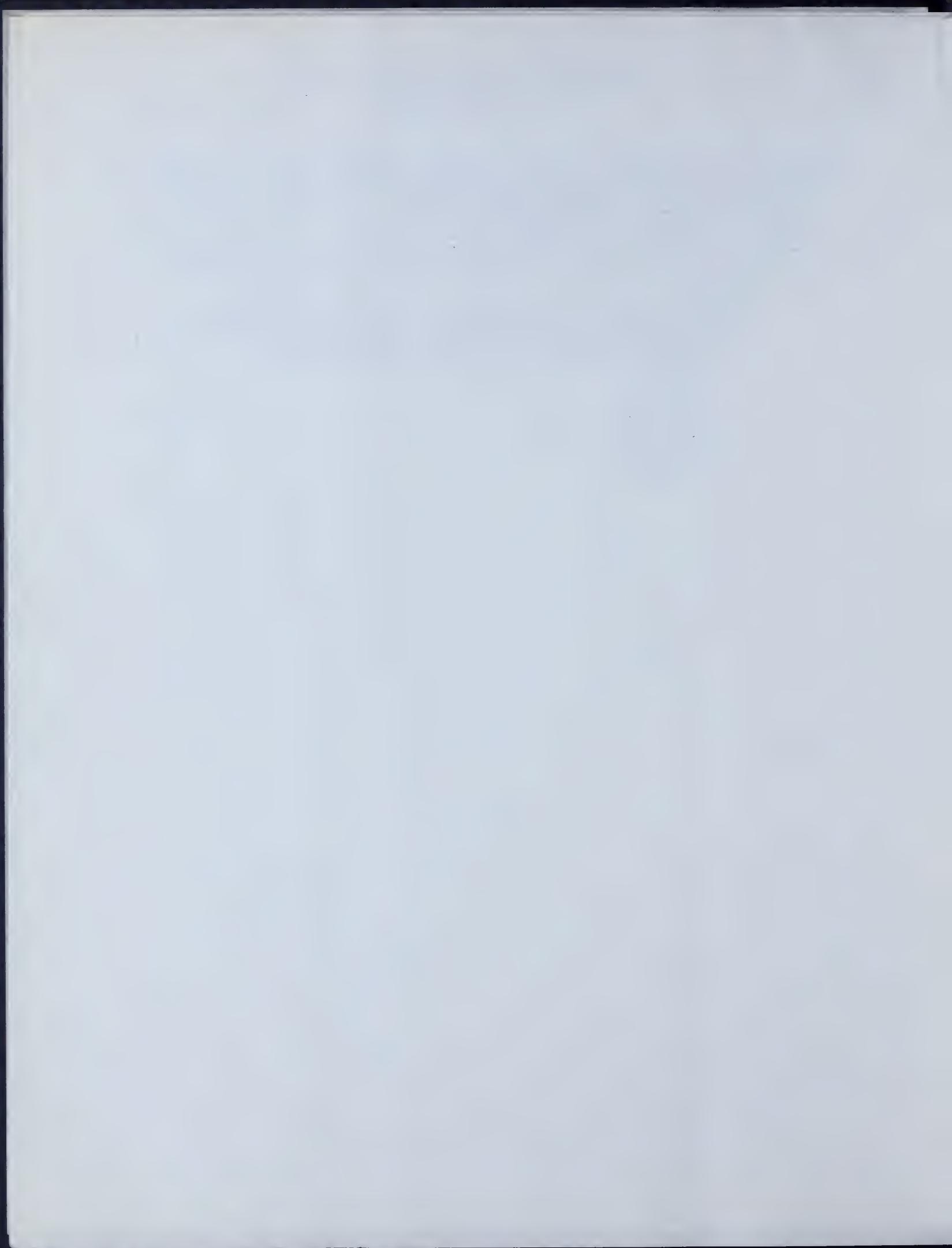
To-day I met a man named Quackenbush. He tells me that his family originated near Patterson N. J., went to the Mohawk Valley at some period, and that his grandfather (the last of a long line of Peters) went to Florida from Ontario. He understands that all of the Quackenbushes in North America are descendants of a common ancestor who came to New York with Peter Stuyvesant. This was about all that he knew since he did not appear to have more than a passing interest in such matters. He did ask me whether I knew that the name originally ended in "bos." — So I told him that possibly his grandfather had been part of the Bay Bay family. The grandfather went to Florida from Kemptonville Ont.

You may recall that I mentioned that a couple of local Frobishes went to Dresden Ont about 1875. (see p 30.) My bro-in-law was passing through there a few days ago & talked to one of them on the phone. A George Frobisher (son of John who I believe to have been a son of Alexander H, the son of Bernard) is still around at age 93. They seemed to know little about their ancestors and from the fact that they came from "near Kingston" and apparently they cared even less!



Notes re Obituary of Catharine Murdoff,  
died in Trenton, July 24, 1909.  
aged 86 years.

1. William McKenzie, born in Scottish Highlands, fought in War of 1812, discharged in Kingston, married Barbara McDonald, the daughter of one of his comrade in arms. He received a grant of lots 1 & 2, first concession of South Marysburg, north of Smith's Bay. Children:
  2. Daniel, married Ann, daughter of Dr. Abram Steele, of South Marysburg.
  3. Isabella, married Peter McGuire, who settled in North Marysburg.  
Children:
    - a. Barbara, married Ira Spafford, and lived in Hallowell.
    - b. Mary, married Aaron P. Ruttan, of Hallowell. No children.
    - c. Catherine (Kate), married Michael Murdoff, and lived in Trenton.  
She died Saturday, July 24, 1909, aged 86 years.  
Children:
      1. Cynthia.
      2. Belle.
      3. Theodore.
      4. Morton.
      5. Charles.



C O P Y

19 August 1957

Dr. A. C. Wilson,  
Medical Director,  
Connecticut General Life Insurance Company,  
Hartford 15, Connecticut, U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Wilson:

We have your letter of August 13th.

Our land and U.E.L. records contain some references to members of the Mordoff (or Murdoff) family, though they do not give all the information you require.

An entry dated 18 November 1797 in Upper Canada Land Book C (published in the Ontario Archives Report, 1931) reads: "Margaret Murdoff. Praying for lands as a loyalist. Recommended for 200 acres as a U.E. Loyalist." A fiat of the same date states that this grant was made, but unfortunately does not give the location of the land.

Our U.E.L. book (compiled from various sources in the Archives) lists the following as the family of George Murdoff of Fredericksburg, Sergeant in the King's Royal Regiment of New York:

Daughter, Nancy, married Happa Farris Goodsell of Fredericksburg, November 22, 1800. O.C. 28 February 1799.

Son, John of Fredericksburg. O.C. 8 July 1801 and 28 February 1835.

(?) Daughter, Catharine, married John McCall of Murray. O.C. 28 October 1835.

Daughter, Lucy, married James Russell, Storrington.

Son, George of Fredericksburg.

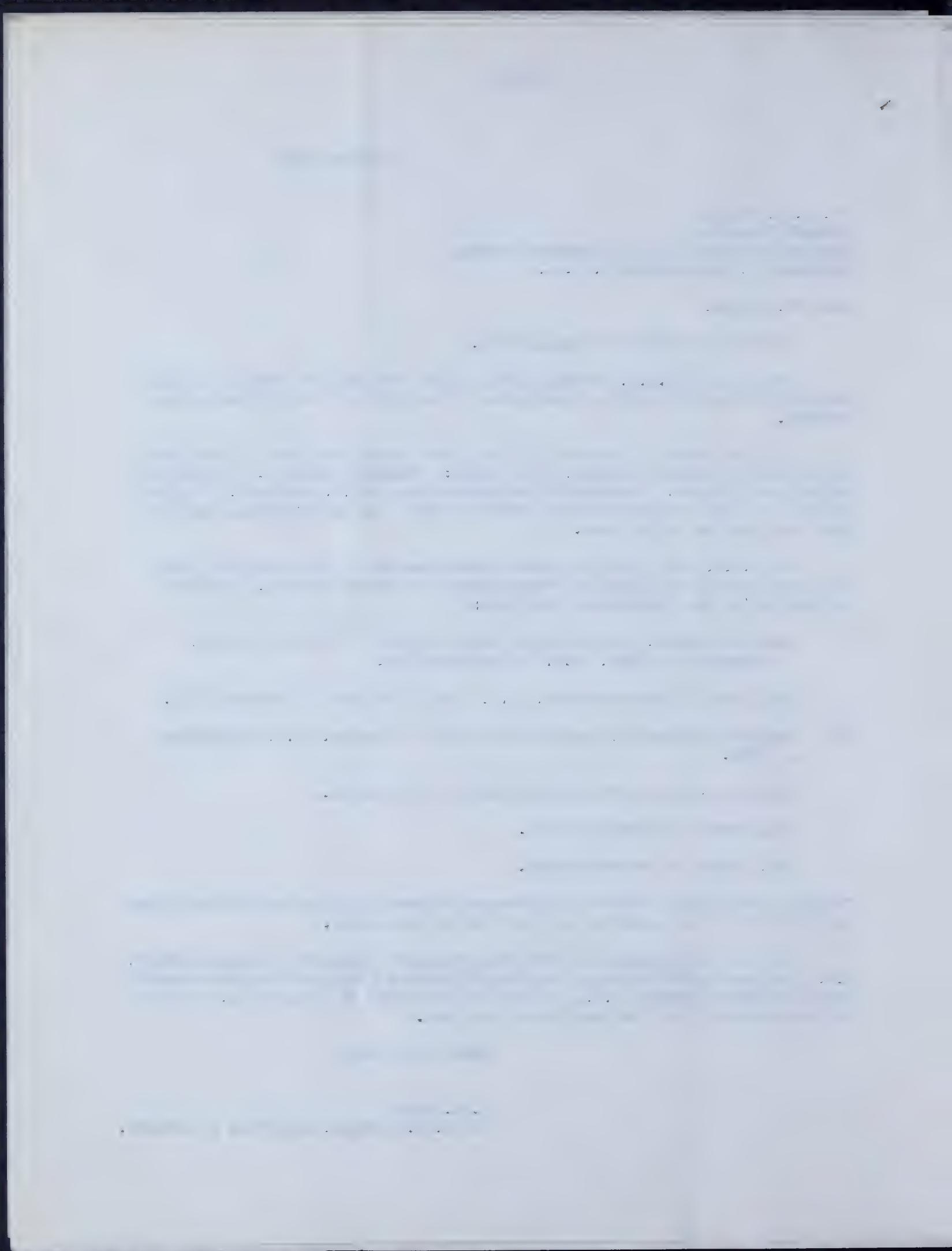
Son, Thomas of Fredericksburg.

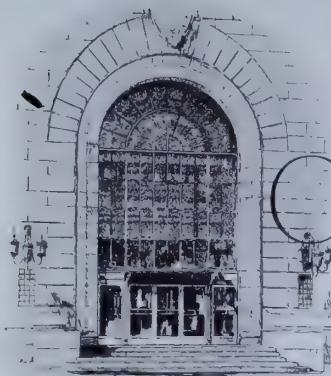
You will notice that there are differences between this list and the one which you give, but it is possible that our list is incomplete.

We have fiats which show that Nancy Mordoff, daughter of George Mordoff, U.E., was granted 200 acres of land on 28 February 1799, and that John Murdoff, child of George Murdoff, U.E., was granted 200 acres on 8 July 1801. We have not been able to find the location of the land.

Yours very truly

M. A. Banks  
for G. W. Spragge, Archivist of Ontario.





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Tuesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr Burleigh:

Under separate cover I am sending you a photostatic copy of the 1836 maps which I mentioned to you last summer. Considering the condition of the original, they did quite a remarkable job on it.

On dragging out my Mordoff project a while ago I was elated to find that I have not acknowledged nor thanked you for the most interesting and informative data regarding George Mordoff Jr as revealed by his Loyalist Claim, which you so kindly sent me last summer. I wrote to the Dept. of Public Records & Archives, as you suggested. They have advised me that under date of 18 Nov 1797 is an entry "Margaret Mordoff. Praying for lands as a Loyalist. Recommended for 200 acres as a U.E. Loyalist". A list of the same date states that this grant was made, but does not give the location of the land.

I'll have my secretary type out the balance of their reply for you.

I doubt very much that the Catherine which they list was a child of Geo. Mordoff Jr. We had the proper number of boys & girls (to a total of six) to fit all of the

provision exists, unless reported to when you come up  
for me, and without any ~~Catherine~~.

Have you ever heard of the place - "Storington"? or "Murray"?

Regarding the application for the U.E.L. assn. - instructions  
on top of second page.

Is it intended that the dates and places of birth etc. be  
incorporated in the answer to the questions that follow  
or is one supposed to write a separate report  
documenting or stating the authority for the claimed  
relationship to the Loyalist ancestor?

My mother's g.g. grandfather was a Loyalist as, —  
a soldier in the N.J. Volunteers. Should I not include?

On the third page of the application. I don't get the point  
of the second and third lines. How could this great grandfather  
fall but be of U.E.L. descent? Or are you supposed to list  
all of your g. grandparents, specifying the ones of Loyalist  
descent? Who is the "him or her" - the Loyalist ancestor?  
I suppose that all of this is crystal clear if you know the  
point of the question, but I don't seem to be able to  
fathom it.

Could I ask one more favour? Does your  
, 1808-09 Tax list for Fredericksburg indicate  
the his. Mordoff Sr. was still alive?

All of us enjoyed your visit so much. We look  
forward to another such affair next summer, and  
without the "Tennian Raid" to which you were  
unfortunately subjected. We had quite a time  
stomaching him for the next five days!

Our best regards to your very nice wife  
(sincerely)

Arch. W. Don

Bath, Ont., 9 Dec., 1957

2 cows.  
5 cows.

ST 1183.

Dr. A. C. Wilson,  
Hartford, Conn., U.S.A.

Dear Doctor Wilson,  
I am heartily ashamed of myself for my delay in  
replying to your letter of 24 Sept. last. I have plenty of excuses, mainly illness, etc.  
which I hope you will accept. To begin, I developed some sort of indigestion, or  
what have you, about Aug. 20. This consisted of flatulence, distress in epigastrium,  
and a wish that I had not eaten. This continued, even though Mrs. B. and I had  
planned a trip to Cape Cod. Rather than disappoint her we left home about 1st Sept.  
I stopped in Albany for a few days in the library, but did not enjoy it. On one of  
these days I noticed one tarry stool. This worried me, so we took a quick glance  
at Cape Cod, then turned for home, passing through your city in haste. On my  
return to home I entered K. G. Hospital, where I had barium meal and enema. The  
only diagnosis was that I had a hypermotile stomach - everything looked normal! So,  
I have been playing along with amphetamine, atropine and milk between meals ever since.

Murdoff, George, aged 43 yrs on 5 Oct. 1783, while at the breakfast table over a service  
cigarette, I coughed and "experienced a sharp pain in my back. The next morning I"  
had an aching buttock and anterior thigh. The following day I had numbness over "  
the knee cap, with aching along the shin. A few days later I was again in Hospital  
for 10 days of traction on both legs which nearly killed, and which did not seem  
to be of much value because I still have a weak leg with some aching and some  
tenderness on pressure or movement. I wear a corset with braces and get along not  
too badly. Some day I suppose I shall become so disgusted that I will submit to  
surgery. In the meantime I am going slowly and carefully about my business.  
John O.

2 cows.

In filling out your application for membership in the  
Bay of Quinte Branch, U. E. Let me show yourself and your parents with names as  
you have them. Are you that the only necessary to supply the names of grandparents  
who carry the Loyalist descent. Your line would be yourself, your father (naming  
your mother), your grandfather Wilson (with wife), your great-grandfather Wilson  
with wife, Jeannette Forshee, your great-great-grandfather James Forshee and wife  
Margaret Murdoff, and finally your third great-grandfather, George Murdoff (with  
wife). As you will see, there is no need to follow ancestral lines which are not  
U. E. L., although if you wish to do so, it will be alright to do it.

On my last trip to Ottawa I scanned the War Office  
Papers, which supplied some Murdoff ages. In a list of soldiers in the 2nd Batt.  
K. R. R. N. Y. there are the following:

Murdoff, George, aged 43 yrs, 5 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins, born in North Britain, 3 yr. service
" " Jr " 13 4 " 8 " " Old England 9 mo. "
" James " 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " No. Britain 3 yr. "

This list is not dated, but follows one dated 21 Jan., 1783.

Fredericksburgh Tax List, 1808.

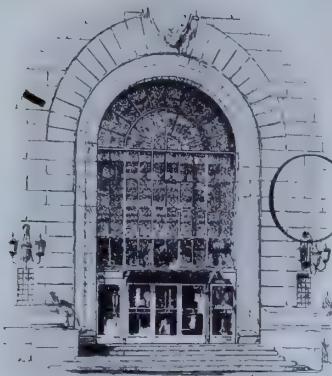
Murdoff, George 150 ac. uncult. 50 ac. cultivated 2 horses, 2 cows.
" John 0 0 2 cows.

Let me again apologize for my delay, and let me wish  
Mrs. Wilson and yourself the compliments of the season. And lets have your  
application before New Years.

K. R. M. Y.

Heberleinkampf am 17. Februar 1881.

Mr. Wilson has brought in the contributions to the campaign. And I hope you will be well pleased with the results.



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Friday Dec 13 1957

Dear Doctor:

We are sorry indeed to learn that you have been having such a rough time of it and hope that things are showing some improvement. I think that you are probably wise not to hurry into any surgery. Down here at least they seem to be taking a more conservative approach and give these things a good long trial on a non surgical basis before intervening.

It is a disappointment to us to find that circumstances dictated such a hurried trip through Hartford. We would have been delighted to have seen you and your good wife and shown you around a bit. As I think I told you we have an excellent Historical Society and library which has been accumulating and acquiring since 1925.

Thank you so much for the additional biographical data. It now appears that George Jr was born in 1740 which is very close to what I had estimated. I was even closer on James. I had estimated George Jr at 1766 rather than 1770, largely because I had figured that he would have been 16 on enlistment in 1782 rather than a bit over 12.

I am particularly glad to establish George Jr's age for the following reason. You may recall that in my <sup>due to</sup> former investigations I concluded one discordant note in identifying

James and John Forshue with the individuals, <sup>of the same names</sup> baptised in Tappan N.Y. in 1769 and 1771, was the fact that in the July 1812 muster roll these men claimed to be 45 and 43 years old rather than 43 & 41. I had recognized that they might not have been very ardent militiamen, and could have been anxious to be mustered as soon as possible. Now I notice that George Murdoff who was also listed as 45 in July 1812, was actually only 42 & 43. Either the ages on the muster roll weren't very accurate, or these fellows were all playing the same game.

We were in Delaware a couple of weeks ago, one of our chief objectives being the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum. Probably the greatest collection of American furniture and interior decoration (1640-1840) <sup>china, glass, silver</sup> anywhere. On our way back we went to Tappan N.Y. I had never been there. The site of the old original church is now occupied by the Bentley School room of the present church (which is about 150 yrs old). A delightful colonial interior, painted white of course, with the original box pews. When I told the young fellow showing us around of my interest in the place he stuck out his hand and said "Well my name's Demarest, I guess that's the next best thing." The oldest stones in the churchyard had gone and there were just readable ones prior to about 1800. The place was absolutely wall with Demarests, Harrises, Blauwerts, Bogarts, Loziers, Perrys, Quackenbushes and a dozen other familiar names. The Schrealenburg Church (founded 1723) is five miles south at Dumont N.J. and the stones there were just the same. The older ones were in Dutch and very quaint with their "geborens" and "begrovens".

We had a very nice dinner in a "Public House" built in 1755 and saw the room where Maj. John André was held a prisoner prior to his trial and execution. The monument on the site of the latter, carried inscriptions which constituted almost an apology -- commanding him as a fine officer & gentleman, trapped by the rules of war, and equally mourned by both sides etc.

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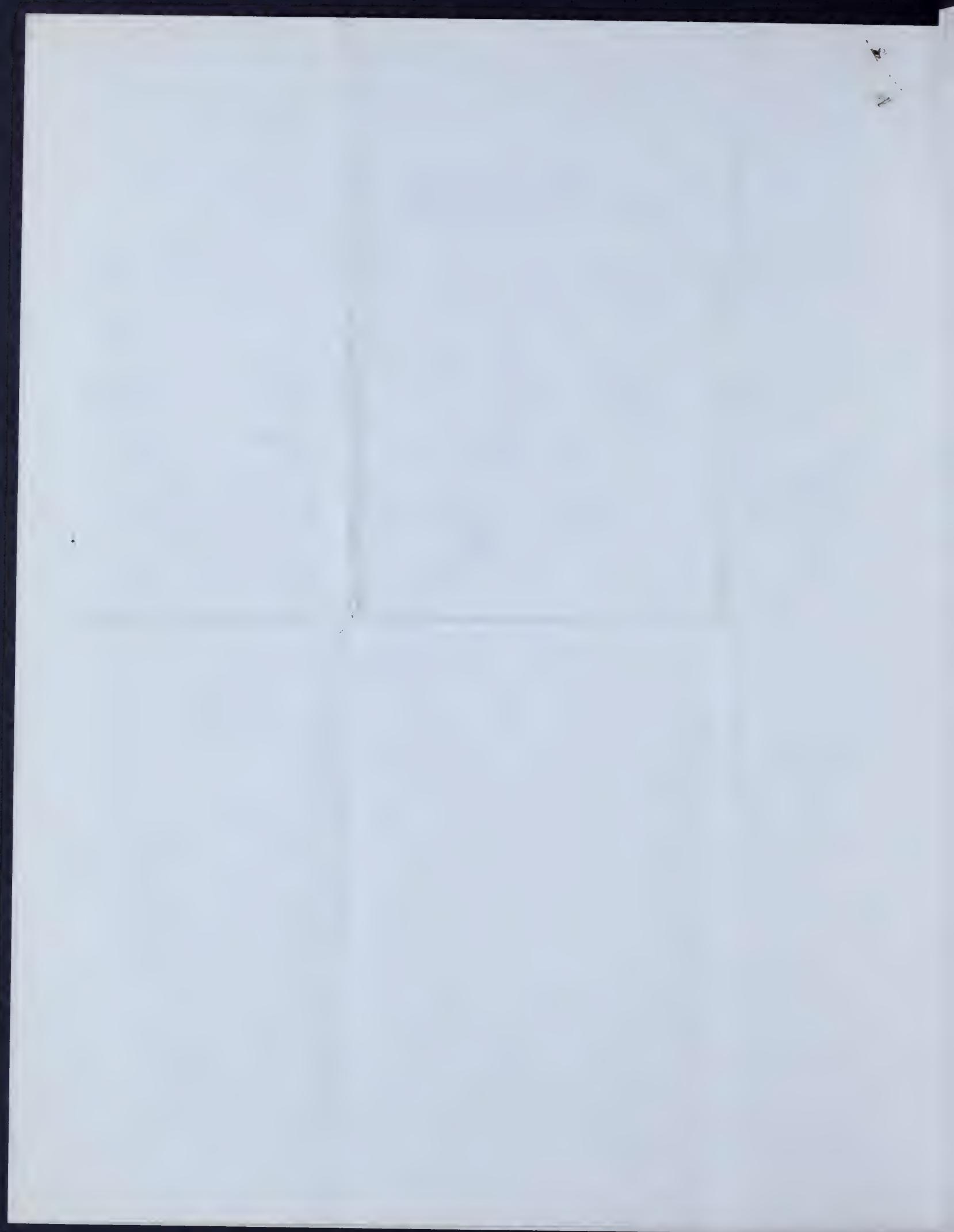
While in Wilmington Del. we also visited Old Swedes Church  
(now Episcopal) built in 1698 and said to be the oldest church in  
the country in continuous use, in its original condition.

Am enclosing application for membership in the  
U.F.L. Association which I trust is in order.

I have sent my sister Dorothy the other copy but frankly  
I don't know whether she'll file it. She claims that  
she's "damned sick and tired of hearing about ancestors".  
I don't know - she must have been adopted or something!  
Will appreciate very much having you take care of  
my application.

Hope you have a pleasant Christmas, and  
our best regards to Mrs. B.

Yours  
A. C. Wilson



Directory of 1865:

Adolphustown

Conc. 1, lot 14

Murdoff, Charles  
George  
Philip  
William

Samuel Dorland on this lot in 1904  
as tenant. also  
Alex. Haslett as owner.  
Harry Hinds as tenant  
Thos. Mackman as tenant

None in other Townships.

In Atlas of 1878

Conc. 1. Lot 14 (all except 10 acres where Haight lives)

Wm Murdoch E  $\frac{3}{4}$

John Murdoch W  $\frac{1}{4}$

Patrons: W Murdoch, conc. 1, lot 14 Turner Co. Ont., settled 1810  
(born)

Votes List Adolphustown 1886

Murdoch, Nich. pt w  $\frac{1}{2}$  14 conc 1 freeholder  
" " " "

Votes List Adolphustown 1888

Murdoch, Whitney pt w  $\frac{1}{2}$  14 conc 1 Owner  
" Nicholas - do do do

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McDowell Memorial Church Cemetery

Nicholas W. Murdoch, d. Apr. 21, 1872 in his 66<sup>th</sup> year  
Alexander Millon, his son, d. May 18, 1845, aged 2 yr 9 days  
Erected by his children.



Adolphustown

Census of 1851

Murdoff	William, farmer, b. Fredericksburg	Pres	40 yrs.
P ..	Polly	" Adolphustown	39 "
..	Philip Labour	" "	16 "
"	Catherine (Cyrus R Allison) (widowed)	"	15 "
"	John labourer	"	12 "
"	George (see obit.)	"	8 "
"	Charles	"	7 "
"	Edatha E	"	6 "
"	Luther	"	4 "
"	Alvilda	"	2 "
Brown, David		U.S. Quaker	91 "

(This is cons. 1, Lot 14, Adolphustown)

Cyrus R Allison 5.6.1829; 8.1.1920, marr. Catherine Murdoff

of Parma

Son

John Rodenbeck d. 31.5.1902, marr. Maggie Bryant, who died 23.5.1913 aged 54  
left 2 daughters



Geo. Mudoff = Nancy (Ann) (Kerr)  
a 43 in Jan 1783 | b 3 15.4.1795 50 and Chebucto  
b 1739

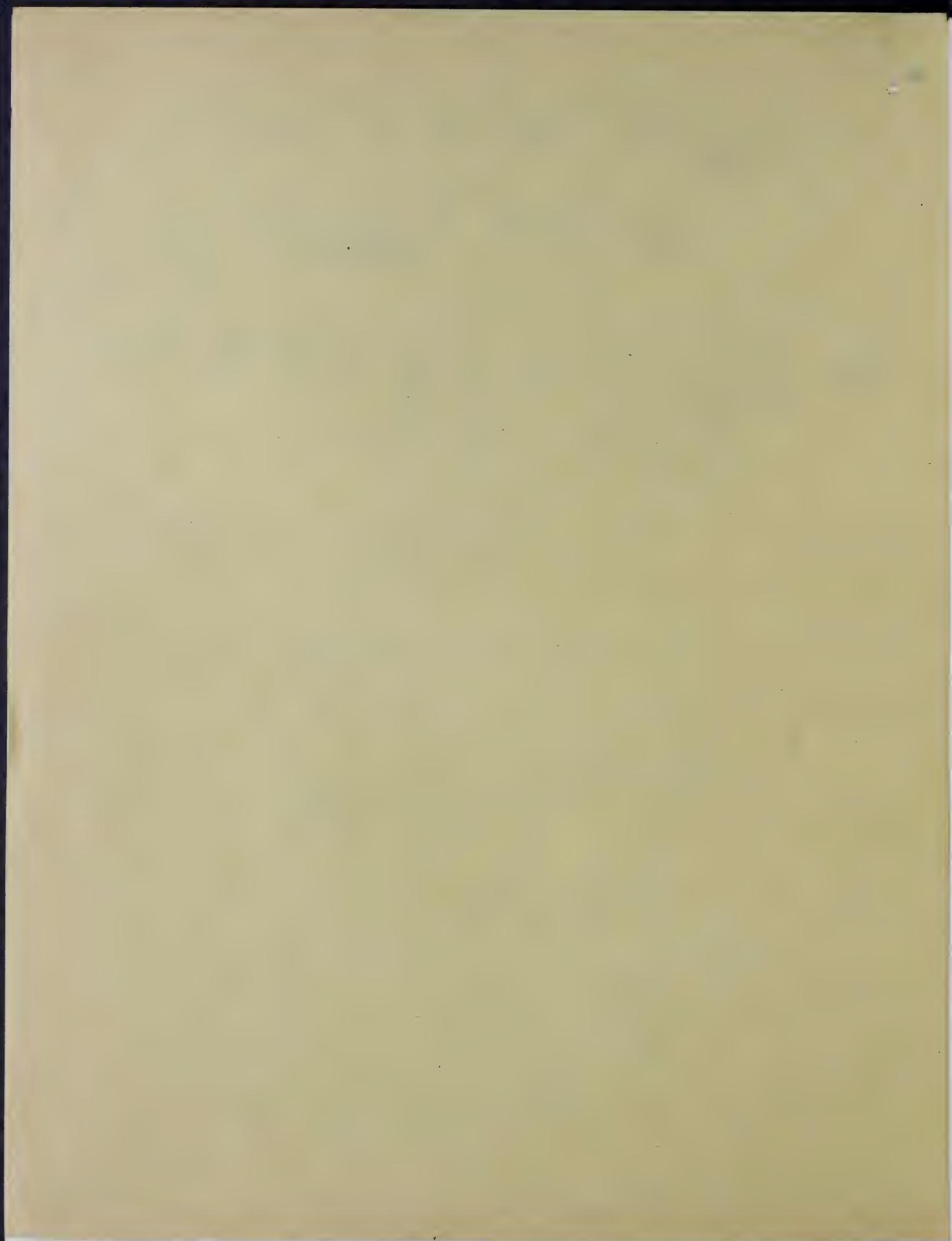
16.5.1796  
John Mudoff = Jane (Jean) Wells  
b. June 1772 | ~~widow of~~ Nathaniel Herbert s/p  
9.2.1796 Nathaniel  
5.6.1796

John George | John Nicolas Nancy Wells Jane Robt Russell  
2.9.1797 17.7.1799 3.6.1804 10.8.1826 15.11.1807 15.10.1809 7.7.1811 7.1.1813  
~~widow of~~  
William Thomas  
16.8.1800 1.3.1802

Thos D. O'Flynn & Margaret E. Lutman  
b 15.6.1841

R. J. Garrett = Helen Blanche O'Flynn  
d 1920 { d 1919

Fr. W. Haufrecht = Helen  
b c 1920/30  
10/19



BROWN CEMETERY.

Lot 14, Concession 1, Adolphustown Township.

Henry V. Brown, died 10 June, 1878, aged 80 years.

Sarah, his wife, died 17 Dec., 1871, aged 60 years.

Louise M. Murdock, died 19 June, 1867, aged 38 years.

(B) Aldwin Brown, died 26 May, 1863, aged 20 years.

Minerva J. Brown, died 11 March, 1853, aged 18 years.

Adelaide S. Brown, died 5 Jan. (Mar.?), 1863, aged 26 years.



Benjamin Seymour's ledger.

Dr

George Mendoff Sen?

1795 Apr 13	To <del>8</del> 8 4d Linen —	2/-	0 16 0
June 1	To 2 lbs Covering Nail	1/-	2
22	To 6 skeins Thread		6
24	To 1/2 yard Linen —	2/-	1 3
	To Balance Cr'd him at Kingston		11 11
1796 Mar 2 <sup>d</sup>	To Sundries for Df Book		15 8
			18 4 1/2

Cr

1795 May 31	By <sup>(store?)</sup> Stove at Kingston for balance transferred	0 16 0	
June 1	By 16 lbs Veal —	5d	6 8
Dec <sup>o</sup> 19	By Work(?) to Df Book		9
1796 July 12	By Petty Debts	12 2	15 8
			18 11 1/2



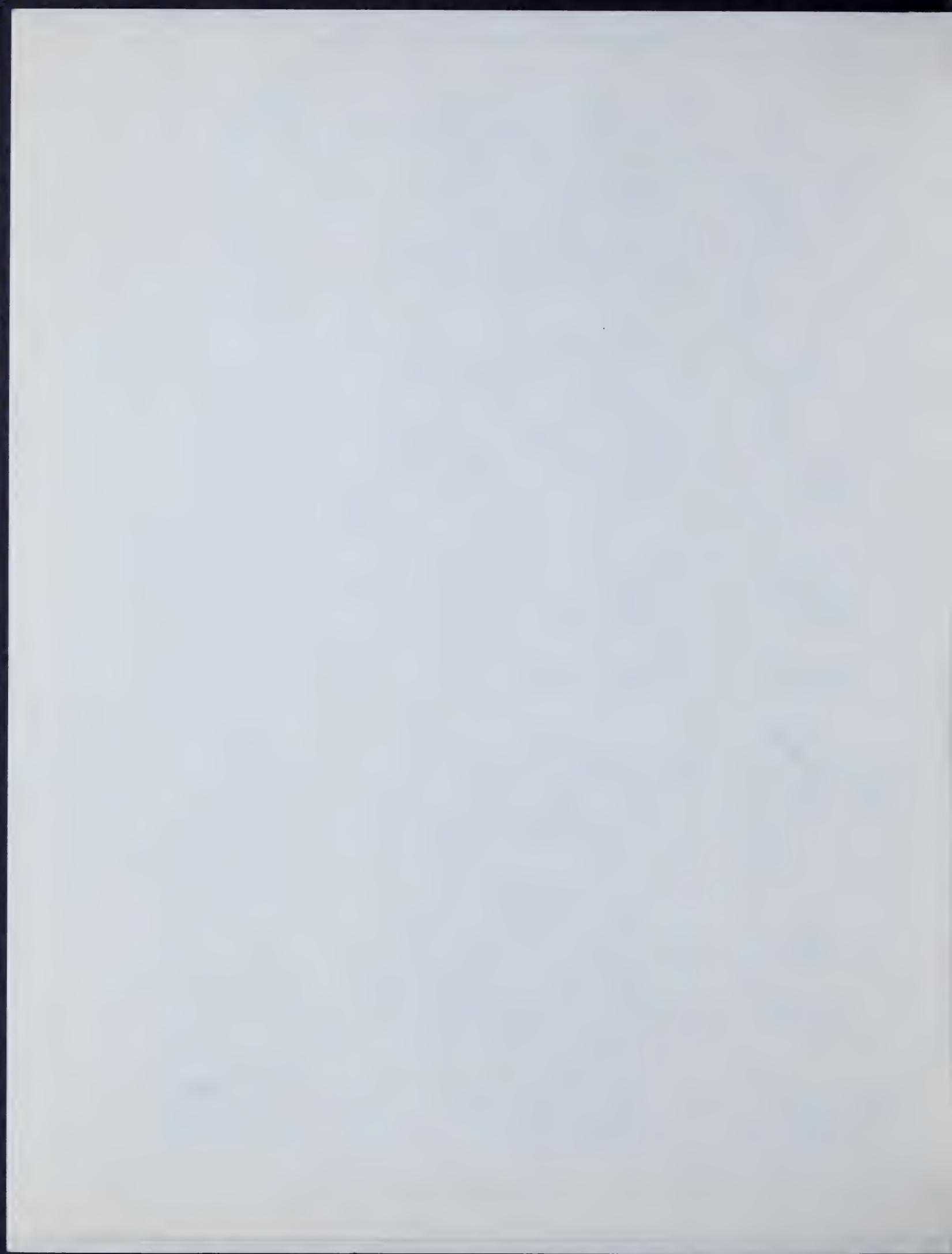
Benjamin Seymour's Ledger.

Dr. George Murdoff June

		<del>Dec.</del>	L	S	d
1794 Dec. 30	To 1 yard Yellow Baize		0	2	4
1795 Jan 15	" sundries			2	11
Feb 3	.. 6 1/2 yds Osnaburg			5	5
.. 6	" sundries pr Day Book			11	10
12	" do do			6	
17	.. 1 pr shoes			7	6
Mar 4	" sundries pr Day Book			9	
10	.. 1 pr mens shoes			7	6
31	.. Balance on Sundries pr D.B			12	3
Apr 4	.. his order to Moore ent <sup>d</sup>			6	6
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
		L	3	11	3
May 31	To Balance			1	2 1/2
June 10	.. Balance on Collier			7	
18	" do on do			11	6
Dec 26	To gallon whiskey			8	

Cr.

1794 Dec 30	By 6 Muskrats & 1 mink	5	6
1795 Mar 6	" Wheat for 5 Bushel	15	
26	" A. McCormick charge him	3	6
27	" G. Ross do	1	4 1/2
	" Cash (Ent <sup>d</sup> )	2	6
Apr 27	" G. Ross further do	3	6
28	" do do	2	
May 18	" Jas McMal charged him	5	8
	" a gallon whiskey pr ?	8	
31	" Balance	1	2 1/2
1796 Jan 21	" Eben" Washburn	8	1/2
July 12	" Petty Debts	9	6 1/2



Mr. H. C. Burleigh

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December 25, 1940

RYAN

9:258. Hobbs genealogy of Massachusetts, by George Hobbs: ...Children of John and Beulah (Warren) Hobbs:...Evelyn, b. in 1797, m. M. Ryan of Charlton, Mass;...Maria, b. in 1801, m. E. E. Ryan, of Norfolk, Conn...

14:272. List of persons in captivity: Taken at Oswego, Aug. 1756... John Sale, son of Sarah Ryan...

28:457...Lieutenant-colonel William Ryan... was an officer in Sir William Peppenell's royal American regiment.... He circulated false accusations against Peppenell; charging him among other things with selling commissions. For his conduct in this matter, Ryan,... was tried by a court-martial, and cashiered...

29:314. Record of the Marcy family, by Oliver Marcy: ...Martha R. Marcy, daughter of Joseph, b. Feb. 3, 1826, m. William Ryan...

42:254. Marriages of Rev. Thomas Foxcroft, Boston, Mass: ...Timothy Ryan and Rebecca Nichols, both of Boston, Oct. 12, 1758...

44:24. Muster roll of Col. Thomas Westbrooks company, Maine, July-Dec. 1722...: Daniel Ryan...

47:472. Company of Artillery commanded by Alexander Hamilton Aug. 31, 1776:...Thomas M. Ryan...

48:467. Fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1781-1893:... H. Ryan, admitted 1851...

Sincerely yours,

*Marian P. Wiltse*

Marian P. Wiltse  
Ass't., Manuscripts  
and History Section

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Levitt & Saddington Hist. Society

Casey Papers

Mrs. Edward S. Martin, 1903. Capt. James Mordoff. 4 pages





Dr. H. C. Burleigh  
Bath  
Ont.

2KRRNY no date (21-11-1983?)

Mundoff, Fred a 43 59 $\frac{1}{2}$  N.Bulam 3 yrs.  
" " 13 48 Old Eng 0.9 yrs 1969  
" James 17.6 56 $\frac{1}{2}$  n.Bulam 3 yrs 1965

Fredrik Tax list 1808

Mundoff, Fred 150 50 2 horses 2 cows  
" John 0 0 2 cows

RR 3. Ballarat  
William Mundoff

H. C. Burleigh Papers

Murdoch

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